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This response is accurate.

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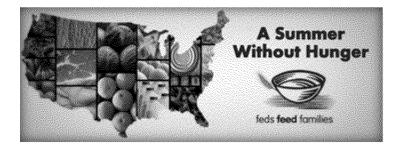
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Importance: High

EOC PIO is waiting on this answer for their Gold King Mine FAQs sheet. Is this response ok? Would you like Jim/Mathy to review?
thanks
Does the EPA have any estimate on total number of abandoned mines? (in the western US and/or nationwide, or whatever is available)
There are currently 133 mining and mineral processing sites on the Superfund NationalPriorities List (NPL). This site information is available at: http://www.epa.gov/aml/amlsite/npl.htm .
A GAO report Abandoned Mines: Information on the Number of Hardrock Mines, Cost of Cleanup, and Value of Financial Assurances (2011) determined that there were "at least

161,000 abandoned hardrock mine sites in the 12 western states and Alaska".